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**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

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**GENERAL PERMIT NUMBER: LAG480000**  
**AI 84683**  
**PER20090001**

**DISCHARGE CATEGORY: DISCHARGES FROM LIGHT COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

**TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

**Subject: Draft Revocation and Reissuance of the LPDES General Permit for Discharges from Light Commercial Facilities**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) proposes to revoke and reissue Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit Number LAG480000. A copy of the proposed DRAFT general permit is attached for your information. The Department is currently soliciting comments on this draft permit.

This Office will publish a public notice announcing the proposal to revoke and reissue this general permit one time in the official state journal, THE ADVOCATE of Baton Rouge, and one time each in the following local papers throughout the state: THE TIMES of Shreveport, THE AMERICAN PRESS of Lake Charles, THE TIMES PICAYUNE of New Orleans, THE NEWS-STAR of Monroe, THE TOWN TALK of Alexandria, THE ADVERTISER of Lafayette, and THE COURIER of Houma. A public notice will also be published on the LDEQ Permits Public Web Page at <http://www3.deq.louisiana.gov/news/pubnotice/default.asp> and a public notice will also be mailed to all persons on the Office of Environmental Services mailing list. The public notice will announce our proposal to revoke and reissue the August 1, 2006, version of the general permit. Upon publication of the public notice in these newspapers a 30-day public comment period shall begin. All interested persons are invited to submit written comments to this Office or request a public hearing relative to the issuance of the permit within this 30-day comment period.

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Coverage under this general permit shall be limited to incidental, low potential wastewaters, which are common to many light commercial facilities classed as minors in the LPDES permitting program. The types of minor facilities which might be regulated by the permit include, but are not limited to, general merchandise stores; aircraft service facilities; boat and barge repair operations; bulk cement terminals; docks; engine sales, service and/or repair operations; machinery and equipment manufacturing and rental facilities; small manufacturing and distribution facilities; machine shops; fabrication shops; foundries; equipment rental facilities; oil field service/support operations; refined petroleum pipeline booster stations; railroad classification and service yards; ports and transportation terminals; military vehicle outfitting and storage facilities; equipment and vehicle storage, maintenance and repair facilities; municipal solid waste maintenance facilities; and municipal solid waste transfer stations.

Please note that this is a DRAFT permit only and as such does not grant any authorization to discharge. Authorization to discharge will be granted by the issuance of this general permit and only after all requirements described therein are satisfied.

Those facilities seeking coverage under this permit may obtain coverage by submitting notification form LCF-G or an approved equivalent form as described in the permit. Notification (NOI) forms may be obtained from the LDEQ web site or by contacting the LDEQ Customer Service Center at (225) 219-5337. To find the NOI form on the LDEQ website go to <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal>, then go through the following links to find the form: INFO ABOUT Water – Permits – LPDES Permits, Information, and Applications – LPDES Forms – LPDES Permit Application Forms – General Permit Notices of Intent - LCF-G (or other approved form).

Permit coverage is limited to site-specific permit authorization. Proposed facilities desiring coverage under this general permit must submit an NOI at least sixty (60) days prior to commencement of discharge. After review of the submitted information, this Office will issue written notification to those applicants who are accepted for coverage under this general permit. If activity is currently being conducted and has not been permitted, an NOI shall be submitted immediately. If unpermitted discharges have occurred or are occurring the applicant is subject to enforcement action.

Dischargers who are currently permitted under the LPDES version of this permit that expired on July 31, 2006, will not automatically be covered under the reissued LPDES permit. These permitted dischargers will be required to reapply for coverage under the reissued general permit. Each permitted discharger will be notified in writing when the final permit is issued and instructed to complete a new Notice of Intent (NOI) form LCF-G or an approved equivalent form to reapply for LPDES permit coverage. This Office will conduct a thorough evaluation of eligibility for each NOI that is submitted for permit coverage, and prepare a permit statement of basis to document the Agency's determination. After completing the evaluation of eligibility

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and documenting the Agency's determination, this Office will issue written notification to those applicants who are accepted for coverage under the reissued general permit. The Water Permits Division will terminate permit coverage for any currently permitted facility who fails to submit a new NOI within the time frame specified in the written notification from the Water Permits Division instructing the discharger to reapply for LPDES permit coverage.

Any permittee covered by an individual permit may submit form LCF-G and request that the individual permit be canceled if the permitted source or activity is also eligible for coverage by this general permit. Upon approval by this Office, the permittee will be notified of coverage by this general permit and of the cancellation of the previous permit(s).

An annual maintenance and surveillance fee will be assessed for each permit.

Should you have any questions concerning any part of the general permit, public notice requirements or procedures, please contact Ms. Linda Gauthier, Water Permits Division, at the address on page one of this letter, by telephone at (225) 219-0801, or by e-mail at [linda.gauthier@la.gov](mailto:linda.gauthier@la.gov).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: Draft Permit, Fact Sheet, Public Notice, Notice of Intent (LCF-G)

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Office of Environmental Compliance

Supervisor, Louisiana Field Office  
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Office of Environmental Compliance

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Department of Culture, Recreation & Tourism  
Office of Cultural Development/Division of Archaeology

Public Participation Group (for public notice)  
Office of Environmental Assistance

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (LDEQ)**  
**REVOKE AND REISSUE DRAFT WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT FOR**  
**GENERAL PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES FROM LIGHT COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

The LDEQ, Office of Environmental Services, is accepting written comments on a draft Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) general permit prepared for discharges of wastewater and storm water from certain light commercial facilities classed as minor facilities in the LPDES permitting program. The initial LPDES permit was issued by LDEQ on July 31, 2001 and effective August 1, 2001. That general permit expired on July 31, 2006, and was reissued July 25, 2006 with an August 1, 2006 effective date. The 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court stayed the effectiveness of the August 1, 2006 permit. The LDEQ proposes to revoke and reissue permit LAG480000 which was issued August 1 July 25, 2006. Upon the effective date of the final permit, the LPDES permit shall replace the previously issued LPDES permit which was effective August 1, 2006.

Coverage under this general permit shall be limited to facilities discharging treated sanitary wastewater less than 5,000 GPD; exterior vehicle and equipment washwater; equipment repair area washdown wastewater; shop floor washdown wastewater; utility wash water; hydrostatic testing and vessel testing wastewater; non-contact cooling water (less than 100,000 GPD flow); cooling tower blowdown (less than 25,000 GPD flow); boiler water treatment blowdown; boiler blowdown wastewater; condensate; industrial storm water; or any combination of these discharges from a light commercial facility into surface waters of the state.

In order to be covered as a permittee under this general permit, notification must be made to this Office by the owner or operator. Notification must be made on Notice of Intent (NOI) form LCF-G, WPC-3, NCF-3, OSC-2 or an approved equivalent form. Notification forms may be obtained by contacting this Office at (225) 219-5337. Proposed facilities desiring coverage under this permit must submit the NOI at least sixty (60) days prior to commencement of discharge. If the facility is in existence and has not been permitted, the NOI shall be submitted immediately. After review of the submittal, this Office will issue written notification to those applicants who are accepted for coverage under the general permit. An annual maintenance and surveillance fee will be assessed for each permit. Dischargers with individual LPDES permits covering the discharges eligible for the general permit may apply for and be issued this LPDES permit. Upon approval by this Office, the permittee will be notified of coverage by this general permit and of cancellation of the previous permit(s).

~~Dischargers who are currently permitted under the LPDES version of this permit that expired on July 31, 2006, are not required to submit a new NOI. Provided the applicability requirements of the reissued permit are met, these permitted dischargers will not be automatically be covered under the reissued LPDES permit. These permitted dischargers will be required to reapply for coverage under the reissued general permit. Each permitted discharger will be notified in writing when the final permit is issued and will be instructed to complete a new Notice of Intent (NOI) form LCF-G, or an approved equivalent form, to reapply for LPDES permit coverage. This Office will conduct a thorough evaluation of eligibility for each NOI that is submitted for permit coverage, and prepare a permit statement of basis to document the Agency's determination. After completing the evaluation of eligibility and documenting the Agency's determination, this Office will issue written notification to those applicants who are accepted for coverage under the reissued general permit. The Water Permits Division will terminate permit coverage for any currently permitted facility who fails to submit a new NOI within the time frame specified in the written notification from the Water Permits Division instructing the discharger to reapply for LPDES permit coverage. of coverage and a copy of the permit will be sent to each permittee after permit finalization. Permit conditions in the reissued permit are effective for these automatically authorized permittees three (3) days after the postmark date of the notification of the facility's coverage under the reissued general permit.~~

An annual maintenance and surveillance fee will be assessed for this permit.

This draft permit will RESTRICT PERMIT ELIGIBILITY BY ELIMINATING THE SCHEDULE FOR DISCHARGES OF TREATED SANITARY WASTEWATER 5,000 TO 25,000 GPD, AND BY EXCLUDING DISCHARGES DIRECTLY INTO WATER BODIES WHICH HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE STATE AS OUTSTANDING NATURAL RESOURCE WATERS AS DEFINED IN LAC 33:IX.1123.TABLE 3, EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAC 33:IX.1119.C.4. LANGUAGE WAS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT GENERAL PERMIT AND THE NOI FORM TO STIPULATE THAT AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DEPARTMENT, THE GENERAL PERMIT MAY NOT APPLY TO DISCHARGES INTO WATER BODIES DESIGNATED BY THE STATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 303(d) OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT, AND DISCHARGES INTO WATERS THAT ARE LIKELY TO CONTAIN THREATENED, OR ENDANGERED SPECIES. **Other changes were made to update language used in the permit to match language and conditions used in current LPDES permits.**

During the preparation of this permit, it has been determined that the discharge will have no adverse impact on the existing uses of the receiving waterbody. As with any discharge, however, some change in existing water quality may occur.

Written comments, written requests for a public hearing or written requests for notification of the final decision regarding this permit action may be submitted to Ms. Soumaya Ghosn at LDEQ, Public Participation Group, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313. **Written comments and/or written requests must be received by 12:30 p.m., DAY, MONTH DATE, YEAR.** Written comments will be considered prior to a final permit decision.

This Department may issue general permits for certain categories of facilities or activities where individual permits are not necessary in order to adequately protect the environment or the public health. If LDEQ finds a significant degree of public interest, a public hearing will be held. LDEQ will send notification of the final permit decision to the applicant and to each person who has submitted written comments or a written request for notification of the final decision.

The draft permit, NOI and fact sheet are available for review at the LDEQ, Public Records Center, Room 127, 602 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, LA. Viewing hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). **The available information can also be accessed electronically on the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) on the DEQ public website at [www.deq.louisiana.gov](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov).**

Inquiries or requests for additional information regarding this permit action should be directed to Linda Gauthier, LDEQ, Water Permits Division, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, phone (225) 219-0801.

Persons wishing to be included on the LDEQ permit public notice mailing list or for other public participation related questions should contact the Public Participation Group in writing at LDEQ, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, by email at [maillistrequest@ldeq.org](mailto:maillistrequest@ldeq.org) or contact the LDEQ Customer Service Center at (225) 219-LDEQ (219-5337).

**Permit public notices including electronic access to the draft permit and fact sheet can be viewed at the LDEQ permits public notice webpage at [www.deq.louisiana.gov/apps/pubNotice/default.asp](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/apps/pubNotice/default.asp) and general information related to the public participation in permitting activities can be viewed at [www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2198/Default.aspx](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2198/Default.aspx).**

Alternatively, individuals may elect to receive the permit public notices via email by subscribing to the LDEQ permits public notice List Server at [http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/oes/listservpage/ldeq\\_pn\\_listserv.htm](http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/oes/listservpage/ldeq_pn_listserv.htm).

**All correspondence should specify AI Number 84683, Permit Number LAG480000, and Activity Number PER20090001.**